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Art Unit: 2624

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his request for an oral hearing in the above-identified matter.

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Application No.: 09/107,486

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The hearing is currently scheduled for December 13, 2005 at 09:00 A.M..

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